REMARKS

The declaration filed with the present application specified that the present application claims priority to Japanese application number 2000-188523, filed June 22, 2000. This fact was reflected on the filing receipt mailed November 9, 2001. Accordingly, no petition or fee is required.

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